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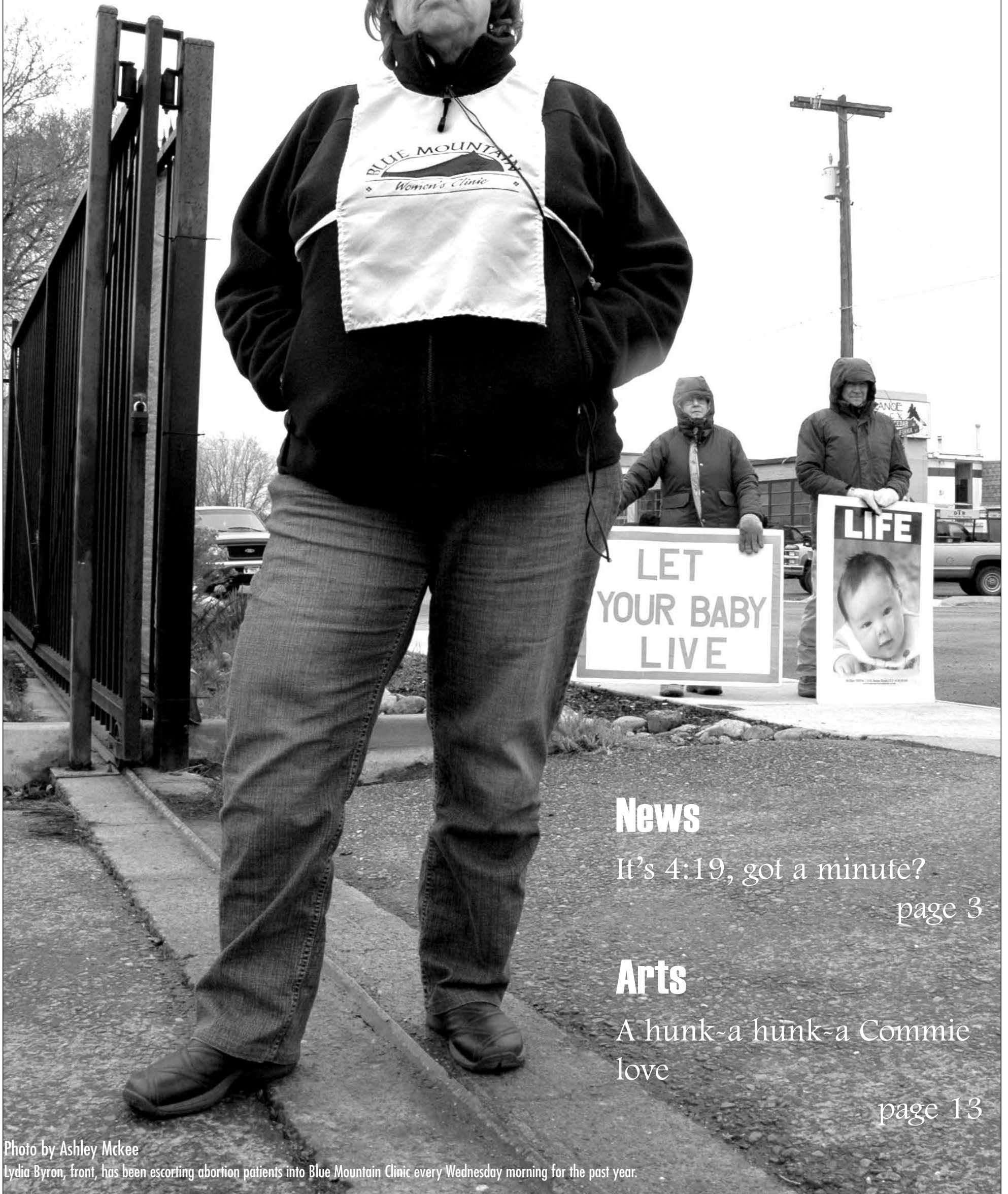
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### News

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A hunk-a hunk-a Commie  
love

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Photo by Ashley McKee

Lydia Byron, front, has been escorting abortion patients into Blue Mountain Clinic every Wednesday morning for the past year.



Last week we were so excited that there were three weeks remaining. Now we're depressed because there are two. It's an odd contradiction indeed. Anyway, let's begin...

**Backhands** to the Rev. Fred Phelps and followers of his Westboro Baptist Church. Everyone's favorite hate-mongers are planning to protest the funerals of the victims of the Virginia Tech shootings. We completely support their right to free speech, but there's a time and a place for agendas, and that place is not the funerals of these victims.

We've got some **Big Ups** waiting for Republican Rep. John Doolittle, because he knows he's a tool. Doolittle showed this amazing sense of self yesterday when he gave up his seat on the House Appropriations Committee after FBI agents searched his house. Why? Well, this little Doolittle was pushing legislation for Jack "Gave the Senate to the Democrats" Abramoff. We hope the FBI didn't doctor Doolittle's files.

**Backhands** are waiting for former Sen. John Edwards and his impeccably great hair. According to ABC News the Democratic hopeful's haircuts cost \$400 apiece. Oddly enough that's the same as Ted Kennedy's bar tab.

**Big Ups** for Sen. John McCain's recent joke where he sang about bombing Iran to the Beach Boys' hit "Barbara Ann." Haha, that's so funny. Wait, no it's not. That's terrible.

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision Wednesday to allow laws banning partial-birth abortions is getting **Backhands** because the law in question makes no exceptions for when the life of the mother is in danger. It looks like W.'s boys are doing their job.

**Backhands** to today. Like most days, April 20 has some bad to it, namely: the birth of Hitler and the anniversary of the Columbine shooting. This is why we're giving Backhands to people making this a "special" day. Really people, what is there to celebrate today?

**Big Ups** for U.S. House Democrats who are pushing a bill that would give shareholders at public companies a say in CEO compensations. Any guesses on who opposes it? Hint: he lives at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. and once got a huge compensation for a company he destroyed.

We love his dog (and his brother), but Gov. Brian Schweitzer is getting **Backhands** this week. While the Legislature is hurrying to finish bills for regulating NorthWestern Energy, again, the Governor is off to be a guest on "Real Time with Bill Maher." Brian, step away from the camera and do your job. Also, if we hear you talk about "gasification" one more time, we might snap. Seriously.

It's about time we stop this party, kids. So we end with **Big Ups** to the construction workers around campus. Yes, we bitch. But these guys are working hard and doing their best. And, you've got to admit, that's a lot more than most of us are doing this late in the semester.

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**A new study says that firefighters, social workers and other professionals involved in helping people are more satisfied with their jobs.**

**Question 1: Does your job satisfy you?**

**Question 2: Would you say you serve the people at work or merely get served?**



•Lauren Caldwell  
*graduate, social work*

Q1: "I love my work because I'm doing exactly what I wanna do. I feel like I'm actively making a better world."

Q2: "Well, I don't work for the man like Nathan, so I would say I serve the people against the man. And someday I will be the man."



•Logan Cook  
*graduate, social work*

Q1: "Yes. In my experience it's one of the only jobs where it's rewarding in itself."

Q2: "I serve the people, but as of that everybody's got to answer to someone."



•Nathan Hoeme  
*graduate, social work*

Q1: "Yes. I feel as though social workers in community are those individuals who help and assist the disenfranchised."

Q2: "I both serve the people and because of the system I serve, I also get served, and we all in turn get served."



Tessa Johnson  
*graduate, social work*

Q1: "No. The red tape and the bureaucracy of the agency I work for slows down their ability to meet the needs of the people they help."

Q2: "I think we serve the people. It just could happen a lot quicker if there were less regulations."



•Shaye LaMunyan  
*graduate, social work*

Q1: (shoves finger in mouth)

Q2: "My job is to serve the people, but I'm confined by the restraints of the state."



•Matt Nykiel  
*junior, philosophy*

Q1: "Yes. I feel I'm the social lubricant of the lab monitors. I keep people from grinding up against one another, and if it weren't for me most of them would probably be living under the Higgins Street Bridge being shady (i.e. David Neshet)."

Q2: "I would say I do the soivin' around here. Lil' Saint Represent!"



•Emily Petrik  
*sophomore, English*

Q1: "No. I work in the computer lab and it's an awesome job for getting my homework done but I wouldn't want to do it forever."

Q2: "I don't ever get served. I help people. I don't serve people."

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# Farm Bill helps fund U.S. food production

JACOB BAYNHAM  
MONTANA KAIMIN

Ask a New York city slicker pulling a loaf of Wonder Bread from his corner grocery store shelf what the Farm Bill is, and you're unlikely to get much of a response. Ask the loaf of bread in question, and the answer won't be any more enriching.

It's not just because bread doesn't talk, or because New Yorkers are rude. It's because the complexity of America's food industry today makes it such that most consumers are unaware of where their food is coming from. The loaf of Wonder Bread, moreover, wouldn't know itself – it could be made of wheat transported from any number of states. Industry analysts say that food items like this change hands at least 33 times and travel 1,500 miles before ever reaching a plate.

The major congressional attempt to manage America's colossal food industry is the \$782 billion Farm Bill – one of the biggest legislative behemoths in the federal government. Originally created in the 1930s as part of the New Deal, the Farm Bill encompasses land conservation, low-income food access programs and government subsidies paid to protect farmers from volatile markets. And that's just the beginning.

The details of the Farm Bill's 10 sections go up for congressional revision every four to six years and the latest is due to be renewed by this October. Before that happens, a number of interest groups, representing small farmers, hunger reduction groups and big agricultural businesses will come to the Hill to plead for their constituents.

The Farm Bill is the piece of legislation that determines the quality, quantity, price and types of America's foods. It's about so much more than farming that several interest groups would like to see its name changed to the "Food Bill."

Bonnie Buckingham, the facilitator for Missoula's Community Food and Agriculture Coalition, said that the 2007 renewal of the Farm Bill comes at a time when there is more concern for the U.S. food industry than ever before. With fears that the nation's energy dependence makes the transport of food unsustainable, and that food contamination is now a nationwide issue, Buckingham said people are looking to localize their food systems.

"There's an interest in bringing it back to the local level, where people can have a say in where their food comes from and how it's grown and how it gets to them," she said.

Buckingham said that 75 percent of the salad for sale in America's grocery stores is washed in one plant. Were any contamination to break out in that facility, she said, the consequences would be tremendous.

Buckingham is also the program manager at the Missoula Food Bank, and uses Farm Bill allocations to deliver basic food supplies to 360 homebound seniors around town.



Ashley McKee/Montana Kaimin

Bonnie Buckingham, the facilitator for Missoula's Community Food and Agriculture Coalition, says funding from the Farm Bill makes it easier for low-income Missoula residents to afford locally grown food. Parts of the \$782 billion bill are due to be renewed in Oct. 2007.

"That's one really concrete, local way that the Farm Bill really helps us feed people at the Food Bank," she said.

Farm Bill money also funds the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Stamps and Women, Infant and Children programs, as well as other food assistance programs for the poor. Buckingham said that a revised Farm Bill advocating a local food economy could help the people enlisted in the program to eat healthier diets of fresh vegetables and fruits, and help them avoid problems like diabetes and obesity to which they are prone.

The Agriculture Department estimates that 35.1 million Americans live in households with food insecurity – about 11.2 percent of the population. Currently the Food Stamp program only assists 56 percent of those eligible. Almost one-fifth of all American children lack secure access to food.

Buckingham said the Farm Bill could be revised to allocate more money into local food systems. Farmers could be trained to market their crops locally, for example. Infrastructure could be developed that would give Montana the capability of processing its own staple crops. Now a great deal of Montana's wheat and dry land crops are taken out of the state for processing by big agricultural companies like ConAgra and Monsanto. The wheat is processed and mixed with wheat from other states, and sent around the country. While in 1950, 70 percent of

the food eaten in Montana was grown in the state, that number is now 10 percent.

The Farm Bill also provides subsidies to farmers growing staple crops like corn, wheat, soybeans and feed grains. Casey Bailey, a UM graduate, works a small wheat and barley farm outside of Fort Benton with his family. Bailey said that his family gets some help from the government, but most of the subsidy money goes to the big landowners. He said the idea was that the money would trickle down and bolster Montana's rural economies, but that hasn't happened. Instead, he said, there has been an exodus of companies and families from Montana, and those with small- to medium-sized farms are left with little choice but to sell out to bigger landowners.

Bailey said the volatile nature of farming makes subsidies necessary, but that they must be closely scrutinized.

"Farming has its ups and downs, you could have a good crop one year and then four years of nothing," he said. "Subsidies can be a good thing, they just need to be reworked a little."

Bailey said that as local buyers are bought up by bigger buyers, or start looking elsewhere for their wheat, his family faces a hard time trying to sell their crops.

"The number of companies, the number of options we have to sell to is dwindling," he said.

The subsidy policy has often

# 420 myths cashed

ZACHARY FRANZ  
MONTANA KAIMIN

The mail doesn't stop, but it might come a little late. There's no traditional feast, just a serious case of munchies. Gifts aren't required, but make sure you pass to the left.

Happy 4/20.

Hallmark doesn't make a card for it, but to many, today is a holiday.

For decades, the number 420 has been associated with the use of marijuana. Today, the University of Montana chapter of Students for a Sensible Drug Policy will mark its appearance on the calendar with a rally on the Oval, from noon to 1 p.m. There will be another rally at 4:20 p.m. on the county courthouse lawn.

Both rallies will feature speeches by prominent advocates of marijuana legalization, including a medical-marijuana user whose case went before the Supreme Court, the founder of the Cannabis Action Network and a member of the board of directors for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

But why 420? What connection does that number have to pot?

Theories abound. A popular explanation is that "420" is the police radio code for marijuana use.

Not true, said Capt. Gary Taylor

with the Office of Public Safety. "It's not the code for anything here in Montana," he said.

Nor is it a police code anywhere else, according to Snopes.com, a Web site that examines rumors. Other theories discredited by the site:

- 420 is the California penal code for marijuana use.

- The Grateful Dead always stayed in hotel room 420 while on tour.

- There are 420 chemical compounds in marijuana.

The true origin of the connection, according to that Web site and others, is probably San Rafael High School, circa 1971. Twelve students at the California school met at 4:20 each afternoon near a certain statue to get high. The number took on a connection to the drug within their group, and it spread from there.

As to the number's significance to the UM, SSRP spokesman Chad Mullman said April 20 is simply a generally recognized day for those who support marijuana law reform to gather with like-minded individuals.

To the UM Office of Public Safety, though, it's a day like any other.

"It will be the same as last year," Chief Jim Lemcke said. "If we see crime occurring, we'll take action. Otherwise, we don't get too excited about it."

# Profs start Web biz

JESSICA MAYRER  
MONTANA KAIMIN

Two University of Montana professors hope to generate some cash for themselves and the University with a unique new business agreement between UM and its privately owned education company.

Jerry Furniss and Jack Morton, both longtime UM business professors, have signed a contract with the University to stream online real estate, insurance and securities classes using the University's name, facilities and logo into classrooms and homes across the country.

Their company, America's Professor LLC, will offer classes via the Internet for individuals interested in gaining professional licenses and fulfilling continuing education requirements. Under the new agreement, America's Professor will share 25 percent of the profit with UM.

"This is additional moneys that the University otherwise would not have access to," Furniss said.

The professors have years of experience teaching these classes through their company, Connote-Morton Real Estate. And now, with new technological advancements in video streaming, the pair is taking the business to the next level.

"Obviously we think it would benefit us, we don't know how much," Furniss said. "But we've also been here for a long time and it's kind of a way of giving a little bit back to the University."

The Internet courses offered through America's Professor will help promote UM, Morton said. "The University could broaden its outreach by getting its name spread across the country.

"We would love to build this business up and have the University take it over," Morton said. "But in the meantime they just don't have the time and the people to do this."

Merging private industry with public education is a relatively new trend, and if monitored closely, business agreements such as these will benefit everyone involved, said Sheila Stearns, Montana commissioner of higher education.

In an era of declining funds for education, entrepreneurial endeavors like this could help ease the financial pressure felt by the university system, she said.

"That is a good thing and I do expect it to grow," she said. "It is a trend. Just because of scarce resources."

The Montana Board of Regents studied the new partnership extensively and instituted a conflict management plan before giving its approval to America's Professor last month, Furniss said.

A central part of the plan requires all proceeds from America's Professor be paid directly into a UM-supervised bank account.

This kind of strict oversight ensures a transparent financial partnership between UM and the professors, Furniss said.

And because America's Professor is responsible for all startup costs and labor expenses, its overhead will stay completely separate, Furniss said.

"We're building it; we're paying for it. It's separate from the University's infrastructure," he said.

America's Professor is shooting for an early fall launch, "if everything goes extremely well," Furniss said.

MAR 495UG, co-taught by Sean O'Brien  
and Michael Murphy



# Bike/Walk/Bus Week takes off

ANNE KAZMIERCZAK  
MONTANA KAIMIN

All this coming week, businesses around town will be giving away free treats or prizes and holding raffles for customers who use alternative transportation to get to their stores. Downtown alone has a wealth of options, from raffles at Pipestone Mountaineering to free biscuits for your dog at Go Fetch!

The festivities are part of Missoula's 16th annual Bike/Walk/Bus Week. The festival grows larger every year, said city bicycle-pedestrian program manager Phil Smith. Smith said the University's component, "Walk and Roll Week," is integral part of the city-wide event.

Walk and Roll Week runs daily on campus, with volunteers handing out buttons and raffle tickets at major University entrances and bus stops. On Friday, raffles will be held for a cruiser bike, bike trailer, and commuter meal plan. There are plenty of smaller prizes as well.

If you miss out there, you have another try for a cruiser bike courtesy of the Rhino Bar. Co-sponsored by New Belgium Brewing, that drawing will be Thursday night.

The "Festival of Cycles" in Bonner Park will be Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. At the gala, donated bike parts are scattered like fallen fish scales, and the public is welcome to help themselves, in order to repair or completely build a bike. Music, food and a bicycle high-wire course are always a part of the bash.

Current bike owners can register their ride for \$5 at City Hall this week, Smith mentioned, half the usual licensing fee. Registering all the bikes in one family will only cost \$7.50, Smith said.

He pointed out that students are able to register their bikes year-round at the discounted \$5 per bike price if they do so through Campus Security, but this is the only time the group discount is offered.

Licensing your bike is worth the

money, Smith said, as it allows police a way to locate you if your bike is recovered after being stolen or lost. The frame sticker "doesn't come off," Smith pointed said, unless someone wants to "scrape the paint off with it."

Other coordinated events include a photography exhibit in the UC Gallery called "Bicycle Eclectic," which will display portraits of long-distance bicyclists who have toured through Missoula over the last 25 years.

Mountain Line bus riders will be able to enter raffles on their buses, through free tickets the drivers will hand out. While Griz Card holders ride freely all year, others can this week, too. Smith said it's a great opportunity for students to get their friends to join them in the non-polluter commuter lifestyle.

A full schedule of Bike/Walk/Bus Week events can be found at the Missoula In Motion Web site, <http://bikewalkbusmissoula.org/>

# After quakes, Japan still on tsunami warning

TOKYO (AP) – A strong earthquake struck near islands in southwestern Japan Friday, prompting authorities to warn that the area could be hit by a small tsunami.

The quake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.7 came shortly after a 6.2 temblor hit. Both quakes struck near the island of Miyakojima, part of the Ryukyu islands chain that stretches southwest toward Taiwan, Japan's Meteorological Agency said.

The Meteorological Agency issued a tsunami advisory after the second and larger quake, saying that islands in the area could be hit

by waves as high 18 inches.



Authorities were still trying to determine whether the second quake had triggered a wave, said Yuji Nishimae, a Meteorological Agency official.

People living on the island were being warned to stay away from the coast.

There were no immediate reports of injury or damage in either quake.

Miyakojima is about 1,130 miles southwest of Tokyo. Japan is one of the world's most earthquake-prone countries.

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Kyi-Yo Powwow hopes to drum up some support

MIKE GERRITY
MONTANA KAIMIN

A drum contest and a slew of children's tribal games will be featured at this year's Kyi-Yo Club Powwow in the UC this weekend. Tickets for daily sessions will be available for \$5, with a \$2 discount for Griz card holders. The powwow, which starts Friday and runs through Sunday, will be running in conjunction with the Kyi-Yo's Health Fair for the second year in a row. Mistee Rides At The Door, chairwoman of the health fair committee, said diabetes is a big issue in American Indian culture

right now, as well as a restricted flow of information on sexual health issues as a result of social taboos. "There's a lot of sexual health information out there that's just taken for granted," Rides At The Door said. The health fair will be giving free screenings for sexually transmitted diseases and diagnostic tests for diabetes. In addition, the powwow will be holding a drum contest for a \$25 entry fee as well as the men's chicken dance and the Kyi-Yo princess pageant. Kyi-Yo treasurer Crystal Tail Feathers said the powwow will feature a tepee construction race

where teams of three or four people will race to see who can raise a tepee in the shortest amount of time. "It's really hard to put one up," Tail Feathers said. There will also be a feast on Saturday starting at 5 p.m. with an array of meats, potatoes, fry bread and berries. Tail Feathers encourages everybody to attend the powwow regardless of their heritage. "We would like to make everyone aware that everyone's welcome. It's not just for Native Americans," Tail Feathers said.

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# We Shall Not Be Moved

STORY BY CHANDRA JOHNSON



Ashley McKee/Montana Kaimin

Brucine Fleenor, left, and the Rev. Harold Himes, both Christians, hold anti-abortion signs outside the gates of Blue Mountain Clinic on Wednesday morning. The two are part of a three-member protest group they call the "Life Team" who drive from their out-of-town homes every Wednesday to try to convince women not to get abortions.

## "They call us 'deathscorts.' Isn't that cute?"

Tim Lovely says with a wry smile.

Lovely pushes his way through the bulletproof glass double doors of Missoula's Blue Mountain Clinic to lead a few patients across the parking lot and through the shouted pleadings from a handful of protesters just a few yards away.

It's been this way at the Blue Mountain Clinic in one form or another since the clinic opened its doors in 1976, though many people still don't know that escort service into the clinic is available. The clinic provides full-service medical care for injuries and illnesses, but it's another service that brings the protesters: Blue Mountain offers emergency contraception, pregnancy testing and abortion services.

"It's basically led me to believe that these people have no honor," Lovely says, motioning in the direction of the protesters. "These people aren't targeting the general public. They're here to target people who have already made a tough decision."

For fellow escort Lydia Byron, escorting patients isn't just an act of volunteerism. It's a statement.

"It is everyone's right to walk through those doors," Byron says. "They've labeled it as killing, but for me it's a total issue of choice."

It's a job Lovely has donated his Wednesday mornings to since a morning in 1993 that he said showed him how necessary his position was. It was on that day that a more violent form of protest occurred: The clinic was burned down. The clinic was rebuilt by 1995 and since then laws have been rewritten to keep the protesters at a distance.

"Back in the early '90s, they'd be pushing and shoving over patients, and escorts would initially have to surround the patients and walk them into the clinic," Lovely says. "Now they scream things like, 'Don't go in there,' or 'We'll raise your baby.'"

"That's the scary one," Byron says.

It doesn't much matter to Byron or Lovely what kind of protest destroyed the first clinic, they say it only matters that there's someone to stand at attention to help the patients.

"We're diffusers," Byron said. "We're not here for people with political agendas."

But Lovely and Byron recognize that they and their opposition are, in some ways, on different sides of the same coin.

"It's a battle of wills," Lovely says. "Those folks out there are

just as determined to capture the minds and hearts of the patients as we are to let them have their own minds and hearts."

Byron has only been escorting for the past year, but she agrees.

*"We're diffusers.  
We're not here for  
people with political  
agendas."*

*— Lydia Byron,  
Blue Mountain escort*

"It's sort of a balancing act," Byron says. "If each side wasn't there, who knows what extreme the other side would go to?"

The sign that first comes into view for potential patients at the clinic reads, "Please change your mind." But for a moment the signs, photos and slogans are rested while three protesters pause to take communion in a tight circle under the hatchback of a car. They are three people from different nearby towns, each from a different church. And like Lovely and Byron,

their beliefs keep them coming back every Wednesday morning.

Pastor Harold Himes is from Hamilton's Big Sky Christian Center. He considers Blue Mountain Clinic a place of death.

"Abortion truly is the killing of babies, because there's never a trial, yet these babies are being killed," Himes says. "We're here to save the babies, but also to spare pain in mothers, fathers and grandparents."

Brucine "Peanut" Fleenor comes in every week from Darby. Though she is a Christian, she says the need for protest isn't just about faith.

"The Constitution states that we all have a right to live," Fleenor says. "Even if you're not a believer, there isn't a society in this world that has allowed the murdering of the innocent."

Diane Rotering, of Evarto, has been protesting at the clinic's gates for four years. Her objections are not only about the unborn, but also about the women she says the clinic exploits.

"They sponsor things like the Susan B. Coleman Walk for a Cure when they know that hormone changes as a result of abortion leads to breast cancer,"

Rotering says. "These women will also have problems for years with depression because their spirit is so wounded. I'll get them 20 years later and help them through my ministry."

But according to the "Life Team," as the three like to be called, it's not always easy bringing that ministry to the streets.

"A woman once hit me with her purse," Rotering says. "We've had things, even manure, thrown at us. We've had hoses turned on us. So much for rights."

The answers are ready when they talk about the rewards of their work.

"We're not here because we hate," Fleenor says. "We're here because we love."

Himes adds, "Anytime you know you're doing what the Lord wants you to do is reward enough, and we do pray for the escorts."

Back inside the clinic, Byron watches a car pull into a parking spot as she thinks about what keeps her at her task. As she exits toward the patients leaving their car, she points to a plaque in the foyer that reads, "Like a tree that's standing by the water, we shall not be moved."

# Christians in Turkey fear more attacks after killings

BEJAMIN HARVEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MALATYA, Turkey – The slayings of three Christians in this eastern town highlight Turkey’s uneasy relationship with its minorities, and Christians expressed fear Thursday that growing nationalism and intolerance could lead to more violence against them.

Police detained five more suspects Thursday in the attack at a Christian publishing house that distributes Bibles. Some reportedly said they carried out the killings to protect Islam.

The three victims – a German man and two Turks who converted to Christianity – were found with their hands and legs tied and their throats slit. The victims had bruises on their faces and cuts on their wrists from the ropes that bound them.

The attack Wednesday added to concerns in Europe about whether the predominantly Muslim country – which is bidding for

European Union membership – can protect its religious minorities.

Christian leaders said they worried that nationalists were stoking hostilities against non-Turks and non-Muslims by exploiting growing uncertainty over Turkey’s place in the world.

The uncertainty – and growing suspicion against foreigners – has been driven by the faltering EU bid, a resilient Kurdish separatist movement and by increasingly vocal Islamists who see themselves – and Turkey – as locked in battle with a hostile Christian West.

“Our lives are in danger because of this mind-set,” the Rev. Ihsan Ozbek, pastor of the Kurtulus Church in Ankara, told a news conference in Malatya. He said there was a “witch hunt” under way against Christians and other minorities.

Nationalists, who have long dominated public debate in Turkey, have also begun to call for

Turkey to withdraw its EU bid and make its own way in the world. Some young men indoctrinated with a vision of Turkish greatness – and with a view of the West as intent on keeping the Islamic world weak – view non-Muslims with suspicion.

“The problem is our education and our media,” Mustafa Efe, head of Mujde FM, or Miracle FM, a Christian broadcasting station, said after traveling to Malatya to meet Protestant pastors. “They always say Christianity is dangerous because Christians are trying to break up Turkey.”

Christians make up just a fraction of 1 percent of Turkey’s population of 71 million.

“There is this general atmosphere of fear – that Turkey will be segmented,” said Orhan Kemal Cengiz, a human rights lawyer who represented one of the slain Christians, Necati Aydin, 26, in an earlier court case. Aydin was charged with insulting Islam and spent a month in jail after he was

found distributing Bibles in the Aegean city of Izmir.

Hurriyet newspaper quoted one unidentified suspect as saying: “We didn’t do this for ourselves, but for our religion. Our religion is being destroyed. Let this be a lesson to enemies of our religion.”

Besides the five suspects detained Thursday, four others were taken into custody at the publishing house Wednesday, as well as a fifth who underwent surgery for head injuries after he apparently tried to escape the crime scene by jumping from a fourth-story window. All were in their late teens or early 20s.

Since last year, Turkish youths have killed a Roman Catholic priest while he prayed in a church

in Trabzon, threatened other priests and killed a prominent Armenian Christian editor in Istanbul.

The latest violence comes ahead of presidential elections next month, a contest that highlights fears among Turkey’s secular establishment that a candidate from Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s Islamic-rooted party, or even Erdogan himself, could win the job and strengthen Islamic influence on the government.

Erdogan has rejected the label of “Islamist,” citing his commitment to Turkey’s effort to join the EU.

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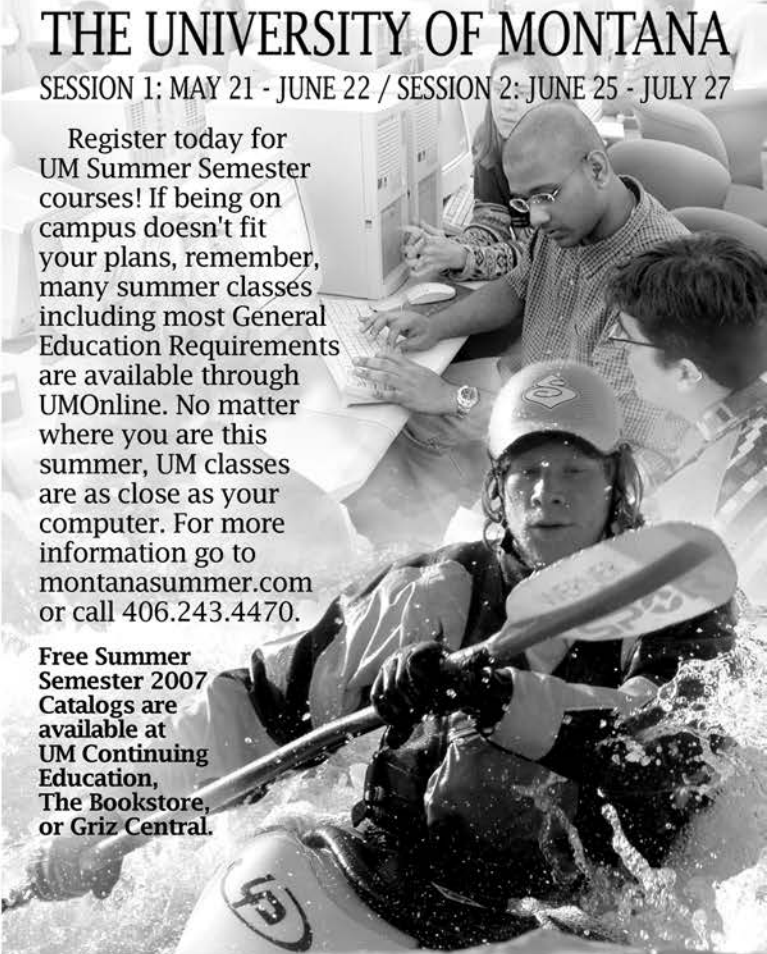
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# Friends, relatives talk of Cho's problems

BO-MI LIM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea – Cho Seung-Hui was a worry to his family because he did not speak much as a child, and after the family emigrated to the United States doctors thought he might be autistic, relatives in South Korea said Thursday.

Family members said there were even concerns the boy might be mute.

The South Korean student killed 32 people and himself at Virginia Tech on Monday, the deadliest school shooting in modern U.S. history.

Former classmates said as a schoolboy in the United States, Cho's speech problems and shyness made him a target for bullying and ridicule.

"From the beginning, he wouldn't answer me," Kim Yang-soon, Cho's great aunt, said in an interview with AP Television News on Thursday. "(He) didn't talk. Normally sons and mothers talk. There was none of that for them. He was very cold," she added.

"When they went to the United States, they told them it was autism," said Kim, 85, adding that the family had constant worries about Cho.

Neither school officials, who have Cho's educational records, nor police who have his medical records, have mentioned such a diagnosis this week. Autistic individuals often have difficulty communicating, but the diagnosis would not necessarily explain his violence.

Cho's uncle, however, said there were no early indications the boy had serious problems.

Cho "didn't talk much when he was young, said his uncle, who requested to be identified only by his last name, Kim.

He was very quiet, but he didn't display any peculiarities to suggest he may have problems," Kim told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "We were concerned about him being too quiet and encouraged him to talk more."

Cho left South Korea with his family in 1992 to seek a better life in the United States, Kim said. The family never visited their homeland, and Kim said he did not recognize his nephew when his picture appeared on television as the shooter.

"I am devastated," Kim said between heavy sighs. "I don't know what I can tell the victims' families and the U.S. citizens. I sincerely apologize ... as a family member."

In South Korea, Cho's parents ran a small book store in Seoul, Kim said. The family lived in a two-room apartment no larger than 430 square feet.

"They had trouble making ends meet in Korea. The book store they had didn't turn much profit," Kim said.

He said his sister – Cho's mother – occasionally called around holidays, but never mentioned having any problems with her son.

"She said the children were studying well. She didn't seem

worried about her children at all," Kim said. "She just talked about how hard she had to work to make a living, to support the children."

He said he has been unable to reach Cho's mother since Monday's massacre. She and her husband now work at a dry cleaners in suburban Washington.

Former classmates recalled Cho being taunted over his speech difficulties.

He almost never opened his mouth and would ignore attempts to strike up a conversation, said Chris Davids, a Virginia Tech senior who graduated from Westfield High School in Chantilly, Va., with Cho in 2003.

When Cho read out loud in class, other students laughed at his strange, deep voice that sounded "like he had something in his mouth," Davids said.

In a video Cho mailed to NBC in the middle of his rampage at Virginia Tech, the 23-year-old portrayed himself as persecuted and rants about rich kids.

Cho's maternal grandfather also

told South Korean newspapers that relatives were concerned about Cho not talking much as a child.

Cho "troubled his parents a lot when he was young because he couldn't speak well, but was well-behaved," the grandfather, who was identified by only his last name Kim, told the Dong-a Ilbo daily.

The family was worried that Cho might even be mute, the 81-year-old grandfather said in a separate interview with Hankyoreh newspaper.

In an editorial Thursday, the Hankyoreh said Cho's case reflected problems faced by many South Korean immigrants in the United States.

"It is the reality of our immigrants that parents are so busy making a living that it's not easy for them to have dialogue with young children," the newspaper wrote.

"We should think about whether our society or our community abroad has been negligent in pre-

venting conditions that could lead to such an aberration," it said.

In Seoul, more than 1,000 people sang hymns and prayed for Cho's victims at a special service at Myeongdong Cathedral, some fighting back tears. White flowers, candles and a U.S. flag adorned a small table in the center of the chapel.

"As a mother myself, my heart really aches as if it happened to my own children," said Bang Myung-lan, a 48-year-old housewife, holding back tears. "As a Korean, I am deeply sorry for the deceased."

Cardinal Nicolas Cheong Jin-suk urged parishioners to work together to prevent a recurrence of "such an unfortunate event."

"Among the 32 killed were bright students who could have contributed greatly to society, and it's a big loss for all of us," the cardinal said. "As a South Korean, I can't help feeling apologetic about how a Korean man caused such a shocking incident."



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If you were born after 1985, you missed out on the show that single-handedly defined the Reagan Decade.

I'm not talking about "The Cosby Show" or "Dallas." I'm talking about the greatest piece of child-gear propaganda Disney has ever produced: "DuckTales."

The show followed the exploits of anthropomorphic billionaire Scrooge McDuck, his three nephews and their hometown Duckburg, Calisota. Their adventures were usually to far away places that obviously involved the ever-frugal McDuck spending thousands of dollars (usually for the private plane Launchpad McQuack would crash), or some villain attempting to steal some of Scrooge's money. The resolution always, without exception, involved gobs of Scrooge's cash, which it was implied stemmed from McDuck's laissez-faire, "up by the bootstraps," form of business.

The moral taught to children: Money solves problems.

Given my clear indictment against the show's obvious pro-Reagan leanings, I will admit that I loved it as a kid and never once did it cause me to feel bad about being poor (I was watching it on stolen cable anyway). It's only in the last few years that I've started thinking it was all kind of sad. Really, the show had this big, overpowering "Me, me, me" tendency that was pretty awful. Watching the episodes now is kind of funny since I never noticed it when I was younger. And despite everything evil it did, I turned out not being obsessed with money (though I still long for a robotic duck).

"DuckTales" was a massive success for Disney, proving that they could produce a successful cartoon show for the market, which led to "Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers."

Disney recently compiled "DuckTales" on DVD and if you loved it as a kid you should definitely pick it up just for the nostalgia alone. If you missed it, well, don't bother. After repeated viewings, its charm is not as I remember it.

— Pat Duganz

## Odd accordionist returns to Missoula

### Jason Webley on tap at the Loft tonight

DYLAN LASLOVICH  
MONTANA KAIMIN

I wouldn't want to meet Jason Webley in a dark alley. He kind of scares me. But I would meet him at the Loft to catch his eccentric live show.

"Jason Webley's show is one of a kind," said promoter Jordan Hess, a UM sophomore. "His shows are always different and high energy and crazy."

The gig at the Loft will be Webley's second show in Missoula and presents a show unlike anything local concert goers have ever seen since his spring 2006 one. Accordion players aren't usually met with the same interest that Webley is, but this hardworking performer is impossible to pin down.

He's theatrical to say the least.

For the better part of the past decade around Halloween Webley has "died" as a way to symbolically shed his stage persona for the winter. To "die," Webley would take his fans to the woods where the performer was stripped, shaved and placed in a coffin. After that Webley would disappear for six months and perform

about 150 times all over the world; Australia, Germany, Ukraine and the list goes on and on. He would return in the spring in grand fashion. One year he swam through near-freezing water to his show on a cruise ship.

This year Webley has played winter shows that included an opening spot for the Dresden Dolls and guerilla style supermarket performances.

Everything he does is original and sometimes unexpected. But one story that stands above the rest happened when he led a group, reportedly hundreds, of fans dressed as pirates onto a local commuter ferry surprising the crew and passengers.

So what can you expect Saturday night? In his online biography there is an account of attending a Webley gig, which includes examples of puppet shows, sing-alongs and even giant tickle fights... so be prepared for anything.

"I would say to expect Tom Waits energy with Leonard Cohen story telling," Hess said. "It's going to be a good ol' party."

Webley's appearance is tied in with the Free Cycles benefit and the bill includes the folk playing Oliver Orion and a local funky jazz group, according to Hess. There's an \$8 cover and Webley is set to take the stage at 10 p.m.

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McNamer's 'Red Rover' is a work of fiction rooted in reality

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Every family has a story. Whether it's a grandfather mulling over memories of Vietnam or a great-grandmother impressing the turbulent times of the Depression, oral history is the spice of human experience.

Review

The story of Deirdre McNamer's uncle boasts all the ingredients of an Agatha Christie mystery: World War II-era FBI agent returns home, only to die young under questionable circumstances. But like most decades-old stories, time left the conclusion veiled beneath a heavy layer of freezer burn.

McNamer's latest novel, "Red Rover," scheduled for release in early August, began roughly six years ago as a non-fiction pursuit of that very family story. Three

years into the endeavor, with the factual ending nowhere in sight, the acclaimed author and University of Montana creative writing professor switched gears to fiction.

"Red Rover" still holds grains of reality. Aidan Tierney, the FBI agent who dies mysteriously of a gunshot wound in Missoula in 1946, is heavily based on McNamer's uncle. Aidan's brother Neil is a World War II bomber pilot in the Pacific, a chapter taken directly from McNamer's father's life.

"I probably did more research for this book than almost any of my novels," McNamer said in an interview with the Kaimin.

But no purely non-fiction piece could weave together the characters and elaborate timeline captured in the pages of "Red Rover."

Every chapter promises a new "small world" moment, lives and

locations criss-crossing like fibers in a wicker chair. At times it seems that everyone from Butte to Missoula is wrapped up in the mystery that serves as the story's central focus.

"I'm just interested in how various stories can intersect," McNamer said.

The delicate weaving of these stories transcends time, throwing the concept of chronology out the window. Characters are introduced as wild, fun-loving children only to age 80 years in the turn of a page. There's no anticipating what's around the corner in "Red Rover," the timeline rewinding to the late 1930s and then flashing forward to 2003. But McNamer conducts the practice cautiously, never leading the reader off the trail by more than a few paragraphs.

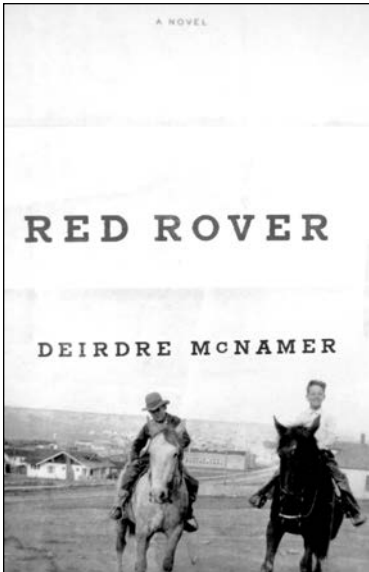
Perhaps most intriguing is her character Roland Taliaferro,

Aidan's friend and fellow FBI agent. Though Roland is purely a creation of McNamer's mind, his turbulent childhood in Butte lends an active voice to a real-life generation raised under the cloud of mining tragedies.

Little is revealed of Aidan's service in the FBI or the events leading up to his death until the closing chapters of the book. Clues are revealed bit by bit, but "Red Rover" becomes more about a struggle to piece together the past than a simple question of suicide or murder.

"I realized that it finally was as much about memory ... as it was about what happened in this particular death," McNamer said.

McNamer proves herself a master of literary elements with "Red Rover," building a suspenseful and often Steinbeckian story that appeals as much to the casual reader as to the mystery lover or



"Red Rover" will be priced at \$18.96 when it is released Aug. 2. Published by Viking Adult.

Montana history fanatic. "Red Rover" leaves one feeling both intrigued by the process of age and nostalgic for a time that isn't one's own.

Russian rockers ready to attack the Other Side

ALEX SAKARIASSEN  
MONTANA KAIMIN

What do you get when you mix two Russian refugees with the very icon of classic rock 'n' roll himself, the King? After that introduction, do you really need a band name to solidify your interest?

The Red Elvies, founded by Igor Yuzov and Oleg Bernov in 1995, will once again host an onstage marriage of two cultures separated by half a world for Missoula audiences to rock and dance to.

"Red is for Russia and Elvis is for rock 'n' roll," Bernov said.

And, as they point out during shows and on the opening page of their Web site, "We are your favorite band."

The Red Elvies rolled out of Santa Cruz on their newest tour on March 29, traveling from coast to coast in their token red van. Throughout the band's 12-year history, the musician lineup has been in a constant state of flux. Yuzov and Bernov, the band's unshaken core, recently upped the count to five with the addition of a new guitarist and a new keyboardist.

"It's great," Bernov said. "We have a very good lineup. We have two girls in the band now ... a very good looking band."

Drummer Serioiga Kalinin

rounds out the quintet, one of a number of drummers associated with the band over the years. Other musicians who recently found themselves caught up in Red Elvies mania include saxophone and flutists Roman Dudok and keyboardist Alex "Sasha" Green, though they have since left the lineup.

Yuzov and Bernov, both Russian political refugees, first played together in the now-deceased Limpopo, but struck out on their own in 1995. The Santa Monica-based band has since kept busy playing everything from Elvis-inspired rockabilly to American surf rock to traditional Russian tunes with more than a faint rock edge.

"Elvis is a good inspiration for rock 'n' roll," Bernov said.

The Red Elvies quickly developed a considerable fan following, thanks to a combination of enticing music and entertaining stage antics. (Throw the wardrobes of Elton John, Huggie Bear and The Beatles circa Sgt. Pepper into a food processor, and you've got a typical Red Elvies costume).

According to the band's Web site, "They drew such huge crowds (on Santa Monica's 3rd Street Promenade) that the shopkeepers complained it was interfering with business."

They've released 11 albums in

their 12 years. In 1998, they provided music for the soundtrack of the cult-classic film "Six String Samurai" by Lance Mungia. They later stormed the silver screen as well, landing a guest spot on the former Fox series "Melrose Place."

Bernov said the band spends much of their time on the road touring, but manages at least once a year to travel back to Russia, where their following is also considerable.

"Not so many people care about Elvis there ... but they're proud of us that we come from Russia and now we're in Hollywood," he said.

For Yuzov and Bernov, however, the Red Elvies have never been about building a following or pulling in proceeds at the door. It's been about music and contagious fun. In short, they're the upper classmen showing the freshmen how it's done.

"Bring your dancing shoes and get ready to drink," Bernov said. "Because everyone drinks at Red Elvies shows."



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# Giving UM recruits a taste of the posh life

*Swanky dinners and sweet talk are typical methods of recruitment at the University*

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*Editor's note: This is the fourth and final installment in a four-part series looking into the recruiting aspect of University of Montana athletics. The previous three articles can be found at [www.montanakaimin.com](http://www.montanakaimin.com)*

Usually when a student is considering going to college they research the school, the community and the city.

Wouldn't it be nice if the school went after you, flew you in, took you out to dinner, put you in a nice hotel and tried to sell the university to you?

Most students aren't that lucky, but for some prep athletes that's how it works. When a university really wants an athlete, they will bring them in for an official visit, where the coaches and athletic department try to convince the athlete that this is the college for them.

Each sport has a limited number of official visits and the visits can only last 48 hours.

By the time a university is ready to bring in a student for an official visit they usually have already decided that they want them to sign, it's just a matter of getting the athlete to commit. Sometimes, though, an athlete can fall out of favor with the coaches over the visit.

"You can't get it down to a science," said UM basketball head coach Wayne Tinkle. "You don't

know everything about a kid until you actually get him here for 48 hours. Then you find some things out."

UM football head coach Bobby Hauck said that the most important thing when recruiting an athlete is their play on the field and the tape they watch of them.

"We evaluate them by their play on the field first," Hauck said. "We evaluate their transcripts and then we ... have a character grade as well."

"For the most part we hopefully have done our research and know them well enough. Hopefully by the time we are bringing them in we know them well enough to know they're guys that we want."

When the players arrive either by air or ground, they are greeted by members of the coaching staff and usually taken out to lunch and then a tour of the campus.

They meet with school advisors, team members, check out the facilities and just get an overall feel for the school.

Last spring, Riley Luetterodt, who was a sophomore attending Chemeketa Community College in Oregon, came on an official visit to Missoula for the men's basketball team.

"I was learning everything I needed to know about the place," Luetterodt said. "I was just picturing what it'd be like to go to school there."

In the end Luetterodt decided to go to the University of Hawaii.

After spending the day on cam-

pus and meeting everyone, the recruited player is usually taken out to a nice dinner somewhere like the Depot and then a current Griz player will host the player for the night.

When the recruit leaves the coaches and is with the host, a lot of trust is put into the hands of the host. It's up to the host to show the recruit a good time, but they have to make sure they don't have too much fun.

Hauck said the hosts know what is appropriate and what is not and that the players usually do a good job of following the team rules.

"It's a chance to get a dose of college life, but we have a set of guidelines for our kids to follow," Hauck said, declining to elaborate on what those guidelines were.

The next day is usually quite similar to the first, except with a breakfast and a couple other changes.

The main purpose of the visit is to show the recruits what life will be like at UM and in Missoula. The small town charm of Missoula and the community can come in handy when trying to land an athlete.

"We try to highlight all the best things that Missoula has to offer," Hauck said.

A lot of athletes are more concerned about the athletic program and playing time than they are about the campus and the community but it still makes a difference.

"When I was looking at schools, I was looking at playing time, I

was looking at location – is this a place I want to live in?" Luetterodt said. "What kind of atmosphere is there? I don't want to go to a school that doesn't care about their athletics."

"I've been to schools that are kind of like commuter schools and not a lot of people that care about their athletes."

Missoula's nasty winter and unpredictable weather poses a big problem when recruiting players from warm weather climates.

However, Tinkle said if a player is worried about the weather then his priorities probably aren't in the right place anyway.

"If that's what they're concerned with then we don't want them," he said. "My line is to tell them that 'it's always 72 degrees in the classroom, the library and the gym. That's all you need to be concerned about.'"

Montana's rural setting can also be a tough sell to athletes that are used to bigger cities.

"The hard part for us is getting kids from different areas of the country to get interested in Montana," Tinkle said. "There is the idea that we're still on horseback up here."

On these recruiting visits, Tinkle said that programs have to be careful not to misrepresent themselves and promise recruits things it cannot give them.

However, sometimes a recruiting message can be misconstrued.

Former UM basketball player Stuart Mayes, who transferred to

UM from Grand Rapids Community College, did not come on an official visit to Missoula but former UM head coach Larry Krystkowiak flew to Michigan to see Mayes play and Mayes was contacted by a handful of Griz players. Mayes committed to Montana feeling that he was going to get more time on the court, playing time that he did not initially receive.

"In the recruitment process they like to tell you what you want to hear," Mayes said. "It's a whole different story after that."

Luetterodt said that after visiting Missoula he went to Hawaii the next weekend on an official visit. After returning he waited a couple of days and decided Hawaii was the place for him.

He said he chose Hawaii over the UM because of basketball reasons, not because of the actual community and campus.

"I was really pleased (with Missoula)," Luetterodt said. "I had been on visits to other places before and you just knew you couldn't see yourself going there, but I could really see myself going to Missoula."

Too bad for Luetterodt, he'll have to tough it out in Honolulu for another year.

Kaimin reporter Sarah Swan contributed to this report.

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## Mayes gives football a shot

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Former University of Montana basketball player Stuart Mayes is known for being a smooth talker, but when he mentioned he wanted to try out for the football team he wasn't just spouting off.

Last week Mayes tried out and practiced with the UM football team and took part in a scrimmage in Billings on Saturday.

Some of Mayes' friends doubted that he was serious when he talked about trying out for football.

"I didn't think he was going to go through with it," said former teammate Bryan Ellis. "I thought he was just woofing because he had said stuff before but I didn't think he was really going to start practicing and trying out for real."

Mayes, who finished his basketball career at UM this past season, has to go back to school next year to graduate so he figured he would give football a try.

"Sooner or later I'll be like 25 or 26 with no eligibility left and not in college," Mayes said. "I'll be sitting there regretting like 'Stuart, you should have at least tried out.'"

Mayes approached football head coach Bobby Hauck about trying out for the team, but before



Stuart Mayes

he could start, they had to check on his eligibility and how a scholarship would affect the team. If Mayes were to make the roster he would count against the football team's aid, which certainly doesn't help his chances of making the team.

Mayes was a quarterback for three years in high school, but now he is trying out at wide receiver for Montana. Unfortunately for Mayes, the Griz are returning their top five receivers from last season.

Mayes is more concerned with his performance than anything. His first day of practice was somewhat of a humbling experience.

"My first day of practice I was

totally nervous," said the 6-foot-5-inch, 205-pound Mayes. "My hands wouldn't stop shaking. I dropped like four or five balls."

Slowly Mayes said he started to relax and let things come to him, but the transition has not been easy. He said learning all the routes, reads and calls has been difficult, but in time he feels it will all come to him.

UM senior wide receiver Eric Allen said the Montana offense would be tough for anyone, let alone someone who hasn't played football in years.

"He looked real raw," Allen said. "The offense is not something you pick up that quick."

Mayes hopes football will give him something to do with no organized basketball to keep him busy.

"It would just be weird if I didn't have something keeping me occupied," Mayes said.

If Mayes doesn't make the team he said he won't be too upset because his main goal was to give it a shot and have a good time.

"With football it's something that I've always played for fun," Mayes said. "I just try and go out there and have fun. I guess I'd be disappointed because I am a competitor, but at least I'd be satisfied because I actually tried it."

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# Tommerup finds late-career Griz success

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Brady Tommerup looks like an athlete.

Barrel-chested with a scruffy auburn beard, he could easily pass for a linebacker on the University of Montana football team, but at 5 feet 8 inches and 220 pounds, few would guess that he's actually one of the UM men's tennis team's most reliable assets.

The senior from Vancouver, Wash., has been the team's rock, in more than one way, this season. Playing from the No. 6 singles slot and on the No. 3 doubles team, Tommerup was named the Big Sky Conference Player of the Week for his efforts in three matches last weekend. He went to 2-1 in singles in that timespan and 3-0 in doubles play with partner Mikolaj Borkowski. With the award Tommerup remains the only Griz player to earn the weekly honor this season, having also received the recognition earlier this season. Going into this weekend against Montana State and Idaho State, his record stands at 13-10 in singles and 13-2 in doubles.

All of his successes this season, the winning records and the accolades, are especially sweet for Tommerup, as he is now in his second stint with the tennis team.

Following the fall semester of his freshman year, Tommerup made the decision to leave the team in favor of focusing on academics, his Sigma Chi fraternity and getting a job.

"I think he was still going through some of the issues of the time commitment tennis takes," UM head coach Kris Nord said.

Tommerup said he knew he was going to wallow as the teams' No. 8 or 9 player and not get to travel.

"Instead of going to practice every day for no real goal or no real hope of playing, I could put more time into the fraternity and be more active in that," he said.

However, in tennis comebacks are common, and Tommerup had one of his own in store. After being away from the team for a year and a half, he returned to the Grizzly lineup in the fall of 2005, rejuvenated and rededicated.

The summer before his junior year was spent on the East Coast coaching tennis. Not only did he make money doing it, but being around the game reignited his passion for it and led him to get back into playing competitively.

"After taking a year and a half off you start regaining a fire for it," he said.

Nord welcomed Tommerup

back and said there were never any hard feelings about him leaving in the first place.

Last season Tommerup had moderate success, floating in and out of the lineup playing at the No. 5 and 6 singles spots, garnering a record of 7-11.

Then this year he really took off. Following his solid play during the fall season, Tommerup was rewarded for the first time with an athletic scholarship.

Nord credits Tommerup's improvement in net play as one of the key difference between this season, Tommerup's breakout campaign, and those past. Tommerup agrees, also saying he's stopped trying to overpower opponents, to try and close them out early, and conserve his strength by taking longer breaks between points.

The fact that he knows he's going to play every match, too, is a big confidence booster for Tommerup, who, before this season, never played regularly.

"It's kind of given me a focus, you know? Since I'm playing everytime, every match, I can really hone in a couple of days before," he said.

Nord considers Tommerup the "team jokester." Tommerup admits that on road trips he has been known to pull pranks such as short-sheeting teammates' beds, putting petroleum jelly on their hotel room phones and stealing their computers, but he says he has cut back on the pranks this season.

"It comes from the fraternity," he said. "I'd get screwed with so much as a freshman living in a fraternity. And so when I joined the team and got to travel it was like second nature, 'Get these freshmen.'"

Tommerup said that such initiations are really key in helping make younger players feel welcome, especially since he is just one of two Americans on the roster.

"You pick on them and that kind of lets them know that they're part of the team," he said.

Tommerup also said he's tried to be a leader for the foreign players when it comes to getting adjusted to the language and the travel.

Stockier than most other tennis players, Tommerup said he's been bestowed with nicknames anywhere from Gladiator (for his resemblance to Russell Crowe's film character) to Shrek ("When I shave full and I don't have a beard, I look like Shrek," he said) to Meatball.

In senior standing with the



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UM senior Brady Tommerup was named the Big Sky Conference Player of the Week after three matches last weekend. He was 2-1 in singles and 3-0 in doubles play with partner Mikolaj Borkowski.

University, Tommerup has one year of athletic eligibility remaining since he took a year off. Nord has tried to persuade his team's anchor to return next season as a graduate student, but Tommerup said he's ready to take his finance degree and move on.

"I'm tired of being a broke college student, I need to make

some money," he said. He's accepted a position in Ellensburg, Wash., as a lumber broker and hopes to volunteer as a high school tennis coach.

Even if he won't return next year, Nord remains impressed with Tommerup's turnaround.

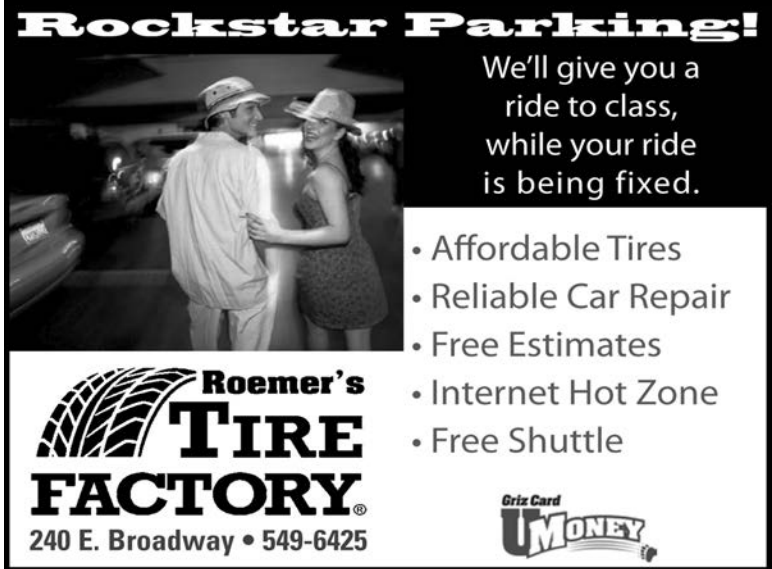
"I think it's awesome to finish on a good note," he said. "I would

have hated to have him finish his collegiate career feeling like he quit on his tennis and didn't get to experience what he's experiencing right now, which is having success in singles and doubles."



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